

PUTTING YOU IN THE PICTURE



Lee Barnes had a great weeks fishing in August. he finished the Junior Rovers match with 8lb 10oz



David Taylor - holding a 17lb 2oz Common Carp August.



Victoria Ashworth with her catch of 18lb after fishing the Junior Rover Match August this year.

THE PERFECT STORM

NEWSREEL KICKS OFF IT'S NEW 'READERS STORIES FEATURE' WITH A FISHY TALE THAT IN THE ANNALS OF SPECIMEN FISHING STANDS OUT LIKE A SORE FLOAT!

It started one early Autumn evening. Bivvied up, our man (who for argument's sake we'll call Bill) had enjoyed a fairly uneventful day specimen fishing on Pat's Pool. There had been a good spate of bites and

knocks when at last a Ghostie seized the bait and an epic battle ensued. So good was the scrap that Bill was convinced he was on to at least a 40 pounder. The sky darkened to creeping heavy black clouds while Bill now standing rod arched played the fish for all he

was worth unaware of the darkening sky, strengthening breeze and sunless sky. At last after what seemed an eternity Bill landed the fish somewhat perplexed at the mere 12lb, totally exhausted by the battle this feisty Ghostie had put up. Having worked up a sweat in the cool wind and no longer warmed by the sun, Bill returned to the relative warmth of his Bivvy. By way of consolation (after all the fish was only 12 lb) and reward (it was a truly awesome battle) Bill downed several cans of lethal brew, lay down on his fold out camp bed and drifted into a deep sleep eased by a gentle percussion as the first drops of rain fell on his Bivvy. By late evening the rain had become a torrent, the lakes boiled and the natural springs that fed the lakes overflowed pumping gallons of water into the area around Pat's Pool. Bill snored as the first rivulets of water eased under the tent flap and snaked their way around his belongings. In his sleep, Bill fought a monster fish, fighting to keep his feet on the peg, while in the real, now very wet world, Pat's Pool had swelled to epic

proportions submerging most lakeside flora. The interior of Bill's Bivvy took on a surreal quality as personal effects (that could float) bobbed about the inside like bathroom ducks, the water just inches under Bill's camp bed. By early morning the rain was beginning to subside, though the flooding experienced over much of the area was all too evident at Pat's. Bill's Bivvy was amazingly enough still anchored to the flooded ground and appeared as a floating umbrella to the concerned face of Rob, now paddling by in the Fishery boat. Inside Bill's snore bubbled and rippled as the water lapped about his lips and nose – still deep in sleep Bill was losing his battle with the monster specimen – hands tied to his rod and being pulled under the water. It was only when Rob managed to wake him that Bill discovered the real nature of his predicament.

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Sue Osbourne with her 40lb Cat! Caught June on Pat's Pool

MAIN PIC: Bivvy up on Nelson's lake White Acres.

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